



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY

REP. HELENA SCOTT

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Energy, Communications, and Technology was called to order by Chair Scott.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Andrews moved to adopt the meeting minutes from November 1, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4464 and HB 4465 before the committee:

HB 4464 (Rep. Hood)

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act," (MCL 460.1001 to 460.1211) by adding sections 235 and 237.

HB 4465 (Rep. Roth)

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act," by amending section 5 (MCL 460.1005), as amended by 2016 PA 342.

Representative Hood, along with Karyn Ferrick, representing the City of Grand Rapids, testified in support of HB 4464 and HB 4465. Questions and discussion followed.

Kaitlin Kelly O'Neill, representing ECA Solar; Bridget Callahan, representing Summit Ridge Energy; and Sarah Moon, representing Fieldworks Power LLC; testified in support of HB 4464 and HB 4465. Questions and discussion followed.

Justin Carpenter, representing Michigan EIBC, testified in support of HB 4464 and HB 4465. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Whitsett moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4464. The motion prevailed 10-5-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.

Nays: Reps. Wendzel, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Pass: Reps. Outman, Aragona.

Representative Churches moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4465. The motion prevailed 10-5-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.

Nays: Reps. Wendzel, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Pass: Reps. Outman, Aragona.

The following person submitted a card in support of the concept of HB 4464, but did not wish to speak:

Andrew Vermeesch, representing Michigan Farm Bureau.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4464, but did not wish to speak:

Alli Gold Roberts, representing Ceves.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Matt Sowash, representing the Solar Energy Industries Association.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4464 and HB 4465, but did not wish to speak:

Tim Minotas, representing the Sierra Club.

Carlee Knott, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Chris Semrinec, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Jessica Collingsworth, representing NexAmp.

Ed Rivet, representing the Michigan Conservative Energy Forum.

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs-Michigan.

Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife Federation.

Linda Racine, representing Citizens Climate Lobby.

Sean McBreaty, representing Clean Water Action.

Joe Henri, representing Dimension Energy.

Lisa Del Buono, representing Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action.

Lucy Bullock Sieger, representing Lightstar Renewables.

Carlo Cavaccaro, representing CCSA.

John Freeman, representing GLREA.

Erin Curran, representing SunVest Solar LLC.

At 9:43 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:45 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Chair laid HB 5216, HB 5218, HB 5220 and HB 5221 before the committee:

HB 5216 (Rep. Scott)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 6u and 10p (MCL 460.6u and 460.10p), section 6u as added and section 10p as amended by 2016 PA 341.

HB 5218 (Rep. Hill)

A bill to require certain reports be submitted to the Michigan public service commission; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

HB 5220 (Rep. Andrews)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and

duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 6y.

HB 5221 (Rep. Neeley)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 9d, 9q, and 9r (MCL 460.9d, 460.9q, and 460.9r), section 9d as added by 2010 PA 128, section 9q as amended by 2011 PA 274, and section 9r as added by 2009 PA 174.

Representative Hill moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5216. The motion prevailed 17-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Churches moved to report out HB 5216 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 10-0-7:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.
Nays: None.
Pass: Reps. Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Representative McFall moved to report out HB 5218 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-0-7:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.
Nays: None.
Pass: Reps. Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Representative MacDonell moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5220. The motion prevailed 17-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Churches moved to report out HB 5220 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 11-3-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, BeGole.
Nays: Reps. Outman, Greene, Prestin.
Pass: Reps. Wendzel, Aragona, Schmaltz.

Representative Coleman moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5221. The motion prevailed 10-0-7:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Representative Neeley moved to report out HB 5221 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 10-2-5:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.

Nays: Reps. Outman, Prestin.

Pass: Reps. Wendzel, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Schmaltz.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:51 AM.

Representative Helena Scott, Chair

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